Anti-Smuggling Organisations

1031. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to various anit-smuggling organisations operating in the country, it has been revealed that smuggling activities have increased considerably during the past one decade as reported in the Hindustan Times of 28th April, 1990;

(b) whether the report prepared by the intelligence Wing in September, 1989 in collaboration with anti-smuggling organisations has since been examined; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the report and further steps contemplated by Government to make anti-smuggling organisations more effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): a) to (c) Reports indicate that it is not possible to estimate whether smuggling activities have increased considerably during the past decade. However, value of seizures affected by the Customs authorities over the past few years as given in the table below show an increasing trend. This need not necessarily indicate a spurt in smuggling but could be due to intensified anti-smuggling efforts which include gearing up the anti-smuggling machinery, use of sophisticated equipment like X-ray baggage machines, metal detectors, Night vision binoculars, self-loading rifles, expansion of the Customs fleet and better co-ordination between all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of smuggling:—

(Value: Rs. in crores)

Year	(Value of contraband seized)
1983 . . .	89.92
1984 . . .	101.08
1985 . . .	195.63
1986 . . .	217.52
1987 . . .	251.47
1988	443.14
1989 . . .	554.59
1990* . . . (upto 14-5-10)	264.62

*Figure is provisional.

Setting up of meat processing unit in Punjab

1032. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a buffalo meat processing unit in collaboration with Fletcher Projects Services of New Zealand has been set up in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said processing unit;

(c) whether Government have granted approval to set up this processing unit; and

(d) if so, when and on what conditions?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Information is